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- 1. MR. AND MRS. VLADIMIR OLIKER, LENINGRAD RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SEEKING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL, CALLED AT CONGEN JAN 16 TO DOSCUSS STATUS OF CASE. OLIKERS ALSO HAVE RELATIVES IN UNITED STATES, WHO HAVE SPONSORED THEIR IMMIGRATION TO U.S., AND OLIKERS, IN FACT, PREFER TO EMIGRATE TO U.S. RATHER THAN ISRAEL. THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN CASE: SENATOR RICHARD SCHWEIKER, CONGRESSMAN LAWRENCE COUGHLIN, AND FORMER CONGRESSMAN PETER FRELINGHUYSEN.
- 2. BRIEFLY STATED, VLADIMIR OLIKER WAS OFFERED PERMISSION (SINCE WITHDRAWN) TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL BY OVIR AUTHORITIES, BUT WITHOUT HIS WIFE, YELENA, AND FOUR-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. MRS. OLIKER PRESENTLY HAS HER EMIGRATION PAPERS AT OVIR BUT HAS HEARD NOTHING IN LAST THREE MONTHS. IN PAST MONTH, OLIKERS HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO CLOSER KGB SURVEILLANCE AND HARASSMENT, THE LATTER A LIKELY RESULT OF MR. OLIKER'S FREQUENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. RELATIVES AND, BY HIS OWN RECOGNITION, CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT ACTION OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES. WHILE MAKING ONE SUCH CALL TO U.S. ON DECEMBER 26, OLIKER WAS DRAGGED OUT OF PHONE BOOTH BY PERSONS PRESUMED TO BE KGB AGENTS, AND THEIR APARTMENT WAS RECENTLY SEARCHED.
- 3. POLOFF ESCORTED OLIKERS TO CONGEN ENTRANCE AT ABOUT 1330 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAN 15 AND REMAINED LONG ENOUGH TO SEE THEM DEPART DOWN THE STREET.

MRS. OLIKER THEN CALLED AT ABOUT 1630 TO SAY THAT UNIFORMED POLICE HAD PICKED THEM UP SOON AFTER THEY HAD LEFT CONGEN, TOOK THEM TO RAYON POLICE STATION, AND RELEASED MRS. OLIKER AFTER KGB OFFICERS SHOWED UP TO TAKE MR. OLIKER AWAY. MRS. OLIKER FOLLOWED VEHICLE TO KGB OFFICE LOCATED FONTANKA 76 AND WAITED FOR HER HUSBAND. SHE CALLED POLOFF IN EVENING TO SAY THAT VLADIMIR RELEASED AT 1700. IN MEANTIME, CONGEN HAD SENT NOTE TO DIPLOMATIC AGENCY WHICH EMPHASIZED OUR CONCERN OVER OLIKERS' DETENTION AND REMINDED DIPAGENCY THAT PRINCIPLE OF CONSULAR ACCESS MEANT THAT PERSONS SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT OR DETENTION AS RESULT OF THEIR LEGITIMATE CONTACTS WITH CONGEN. (COPY OF NOTE POUCHED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/SOV)

4. CONGEN HAS INVITED OLIKERS TO VISIT CONGEN AGAIN ON MONDAY MORNING, JAN 20, AND WILL REPORT ANY RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS. NEUBERT

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